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# Let's Drink to Learning Japanese!

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## Dialogue - Japanese

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A: テイラーさん、ちょっと やすみませんか。

つかれました。

B: オッケイ。やすみましょう。

じゃ、これ を のみましょう。

メキシコ の おみやげです。

A: いただきます。

（gulp gulp）

あれ？これ？おさけ？

B: はい。メキシコ の テキーラ です。

## Vocabulary

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☐ ☑ English Kana Rōmaji

☐ **おさけ** [おさけ] 1 EXAMPLE ▲
alcohol
わたしはおさけをのみません。
I don't drink alcohol.

☐ **メキシコの** [メキシコの] 1 EXAMPLE ▲
Mexican
これはメキシコのおかしです。
This is a Mexican sweet.

☐ **おみやげ** [おみやげ] 1 EXAMPLE ▲
a small gift, a souvenir
これはおみやげです。
This is a small gift for you.

☐ **つかれます** [つかれます] 1 EXAMPLE ▲
to get tired, be fatigued with;V2
ゲームをしました。つかれました。
I got tired from playing video games.

☐ **オッケイ** [おっけい] 1 EXAMPLE ▲
OK.
オッケイです。
It's okay.

☐ **いただきます。** [いただきます] 1 EXAMPLE ▲
expression of gratitude before meals; let's eat
いただきます！
(Phrase said before eating a meal)

☐ **のみます** [のみます] 1 EXAMPLE ▲
to drink;V1(masu form)
おさけをのみますか。
Do you drink alcohol?

☐ **やすみます** [やすみます] 1 EXAMPLE ▲
to have a rest, take time off, rest;V1
かいしゃをやすみます。
I'll take time off work.

☐ **テキーラ** [テキーラ] 1 EXAMPLE ▲
tequila
テキーラがだいすきです。
I love tequila.

☐ **あれ？** [あれ？] 1 EXAMPLE ▲
Huh? Hmm?
あれ？これ、なに？
Huh? What's this?

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## Lesson Notes

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Lesson Focus

**The Focus of This Lesson Is Saying "Let's [Do Something]" in Japanese.**
**これ を のみましょう。**
***Kore o nomimashō.***
**"Let's drink this."**

In this lesson, you'll learn how to make suggestions using the "Let's..." pattern in Japanese.

**"Let's Go to the Beach!"**

To make the "let's" form of a verb in Japanese, simply follow these steps: take the verb *masu* → remove the *su* → add *shō* → verb *mashō*

**Formation**

***v-masu* -> v-*mashō***

**For Example:**

| MEANING | NON-PAST | "LET'S" FORM |
|---|---|---|
| "to eat" | たべます *tabemasu*<br>"eat" | たべましょう *tabemashō*<br>"let's eat" |
| "to drink" | のみます *nomimasu*<br>"drink" | のみましょう *nomimashō*<br>"let's drink" |
| "to buy" | かいます *kaimasu*<br>"buy" | かいましょう *kaimashō*<br>"let's buy" |
| "to go" | いきます *ikimasu*<br>"go" | いきましょう *ikimashō*<br>"let's go" |
| "to see/look/watch" | みます<br>*mimasu* "see/look/watch" | みましょう *mimashō*<br>"let's see/look/watch" |

In order to make a "let's..." sentence, all you need to do is add **[thing]** ***o*** or, with movement verbs like "go", **[place]** ***ni***, at the beginning of the sentence, then add the *mashō* verb at the end.

**Formation**

**[Thing] *o* [verb-*mashō*] → "Let's [verb] [thing]"**

**[Place] *ni ikimashō* → "Let's go to [place]"**

**For Example:**

1. ビーチにいきましょう。
   *Bīchi ni ikimashō.*
   "Let's go to the beach."
2. ランチをたべましょう。
   *Ranchi o tabemashō.*
   "Let's eat lunch."
3. おさけをのみましょう。
   *O-sake o nomimashō.*
   "Let's have a drink." [It literally means "Let's drink alcohol."]

**Reference**

Please also review the following Lesson Notes.

- *-masen ka* → Absolute Beginner Season 2 Lesson 21
- past form of verbs → Absolute Beginner Season 2 Lesson 19
- [country] *no* [noun] → Absolute Beginner Season 2 Lesson 9

## Key Vocabulary & Phrases

**★ オッケイ (*okkei*)**
This is one way of pronouncing "okay" in Japanese. It can sound quite feminine, so if you're a man, be careful! You can also pronounce it オーケー (*ōkē*), which is the more standard pronunciation.

**★ つかれました (*tsukaremashita*)**
In English we say "I'm tired" using the present tense, but in Japanese "I'm tired" uses the past tense to literally say "I became tired." We often use *tsukaremashita* (or *tsukareta* in the casual form) for times when we'd say something like "Whew!" in English, for example, after climbing a long flight of stairs.

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## Grammar

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Below is a list of the grammar points introduced or used in this lesson. Click for a full explanation.

| | |
|---|---|
| ましょう・（よ）う mashō/(yo)u<br>let's ~~; probably; i plan to | *Introduced* |
| ませんか・ないか masen ka, nai ka<br>Won't you.., Wouldn't you | *Used* |
| 動詞の活用（辞書形） doushi no katsuyou (jishokei)<br>Conjugation of verbs (plain nonpast) | *Used* |
| の (1) no (1)<br>possessive particle | *Used* |

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